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R 270058Z MAR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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TAGS: BEXP, MU, BA, TC

SUBJECT:OCTOBER 1977 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE  
MISSION.

REF: (A) MUSCAT 0415 (B) MUSCAT A-55 (C) MUSCAT 0032  
(D) MUSCAT A-64 (E) JANUARY 77 FET OMAN (F) MUSCAT 0916.

1. REF MUSCAT 0415 PARA 1. MARKET FACTORS DETERMINE FROM  
ABOVE REF SOURCES. SELECTED EXCERPTS INCLUDE: MUSCAT A-55:  
"CONTINUED BUDGET RESTRAINTS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL  
FORCE THE OMAN GOVERNMENT TO GO SLOW IN APPROVING ALL BUT  
MOST ESSENTIAL PROJECTS." MUSCAT 0032: "USE OF LUMBER FOR  
CONSTRUCTION WILL TEMPORARILY DROP SINCE GOVERNMENT CON-  
TRACTS ARE GETTING FEWER." A-64: "THE DRASTIC DECLINE IN  
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CIVIL DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL  
DELAY OR CURTAIL MANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. IF INSUFFI-  
CIENT NEW WORK IS GENERATED BY GOVERNMENT SPENDING, CONSTRUC-  
TION FIRMS ALREADY IN OMAN WILL START CUTTING STAFF OR FOLD-  
ING THEIR OPERATIONS. DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICIALS EXPECT  
A 30 PERCENT DECLINE IN PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,  
WITH PRACTICALLY NO NEW PROJECTS IN THE NORTH; RECESSION IN

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE CAPITAL AREA COULD  
CAUSE THE FOREIGN LABOR FORCE TO DECLINE BY FIFTY PERCENT

OR MORE." JANUARY 1977 FET: "IN ANY EVENT, THERE WILL NOT  
BE MANY BIG PROJECTS DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

2. USDOC CAGNE REALIZES THERE ARE SOME POSITIVE DEVELOP-  
MENTS IN OMAN. HOWEVER OVERALL TREND ACCORDING TO INFO  
AVAILABLE INDICATES LESS PROMISE THAN IN OTHER GULF MAR-  
KETS. IF EMBASSY HAS RECENT INFO TO DISCOUNT APPARENT  
TREND, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT INFO.

3. USDOC REGRETS DELETION DECISION AND APPRECIATES POST'S  
EFFORT IN PROVIDING MARKET INFO FOR SUBJECT MISSION.  
THIS DECISION WILL HAVE NO BEARING REPEAT WILL HAVE NO  
BEARING ON SCHEDULED JANUARY AND FEBRUARY EVENTS IN OMAN.  
TRUST POST WILL NOT BEGRUDGE UAE ONE EVENT IN FY77  
COMPARED WITH OMAN'S REMAINING TWO.

4. MUCH APPRECIATE ABU DHABI 870 PARA 12 OFFER TO WORK  
WITH EMBASSY MUSCAT IN ARRANGING OMANI TRAVEL TO UAE TO  
MEET MISSION MEMBERS. ALSO, FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN MISS-  
ION WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT OMAN AT END OF OFFICIAL  
ITINERARY.  
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